

Idaho Charter School Leadership Council Conference Call



February 13, 2008

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Agenda

- ❑ Welcome
- ❑ Legislative Update
- ❑ New ICSN Executive Director
- ❑ Charter Start! Full Day Workshop
- ❑ Charter Start! Monthly Seminars
 - Fundraising: ICLC Regional Meetings March 10-12
- ❑ NWREL Ten Year Landmark Study Timeline
- ❑ CSP Grant 2009-2011 Objectives
- ❑ Updates for 2006-2008 Grant Recipients

NWREL Study Timeline

- January: Develop survey instruments
- February: Field test survey instruments
- March: Administer surveys
- April: Conduct heads conference calls
- May: Follow-up conference calls
Student demographic analysis
Student assessment data analysis
History of Idaho charter schools
- July: Draft study report
- September: Disseminate final report

CSP Grant Objectives 2009-2011

1. Promote the development of quality Idaho charter schools focused on high achievement for all students.

Activities:

- Charter Start! 101 Full Day Workshops
- Charter Start! Monthly Seminars
- Technology Supported Charter Start!
- Charter School Authorizer Manual
- Charter School Authorizer Orientation

CSP Grant Objectives 2009-2011

2. Evaluate and communicate the effects of Idaho charter schools on students, student achievement and parents.

Activities:

- Charter School Showcase Display
- Annual Charter School Report
- Charter School Data Academy

CSP Grant Objectives 2009-2011

3. Increase the number of new charter schools focusing student achievement efforts on underserved populations of students.

Activities:

- Regional needs assessment and mapping
- School Advisory Team for Special Populations of Students (SPOPS)

CSP Grant Objectives 2009-2011

4. Share best practices of high performing charter school with demonstrated success at promoting student achievement.

Activities:

- Charter Stars
- Dissemination Projects
 - Collaborative
 - Evaluation/Planning External Partner
 - School Improvement Coach NCLB Schools
 - Partner Schools

Grant Accounting and Reporting

- ❑ Annual performance reports due July 31
 - Continuation reports detail a year's progress
 - Final performance reports detail progress made over 3 year project period
 - Modifications to approved budget and/or objectives must be approved in writing
- ❑ Cash balance reports due quarterly
 - October 15, January 15, April 15, July 15--based on anticipated expenditures
 - <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/bots/federalprograms/default.asp> (same password as IDCI and AYP)

Annual Performance Report

- ❑ Report status with regard to meeting each of the goals/objectives listed in the original grant application/RFP.
- ❑ Provide quantitative and/or qualitative data that demonstrates actual progress made toward each project objective. When reporting on performance measures, report on the targets that were established in the approved grant.
- ❑ Explain why any planned objectives were not attained or why scheduled activities were not implemented. Describe the corrective action that will be taken to address the problem.

Annual Fund Reporting

- ❑ Establish separate, detailed accounting for all CSP grant funds
- ❑ Detail actual budget expenditures for reporting period (3 years in final reports)
- ❑ Explain all non-expended sub-grant funds: \$\$ may be carried over if obligated by July 31
- ❑ Link expenses directly to progress made on project objectives:
 - \$\$=activities=specific performance measures
- ❑ Submit annual audits to SDE—project expenses are subject to audit

Continuation Reports: Additional Information

- ❑ Set objectives and performance measures for 2008-2009.
- ❑ Describe any changes you wish to make in the current objectives/activities described in your original application. Particular attention should be given to describing activities that are new or are expanded.
- ❑ Provide any other appropriate information about the status of your objectives including any unanticipated outcomes or benefits from your project.

Continuation Reports:

Budget Proposal and Narrative

- Complete the budget summary form and write a budget narrative for 2008-2009.
- Detail how the charter school plans to use grant money. This narrative must include: 1) a detailed description of projected project expenses; 2) the IFARMS category for each purchase; 3) a description of how expenditures will assist the school in achieving its goals and objectives as articulated in the original grant application or as amended in this continuation report.